

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Newsletter



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Hi Everyone!

As we move forwards with a clear resolve, our goal of fully financing our educational program is in reach. However, not before thanking those who have helped us get this far.

Overwhelming support from the hardest working team you could hope to assemble.

THANK YOU! So Very Much. Your efforts will help us establish SWWGPAA as a go-to club for mobile educational programs.

Your efforts will bring smiles to thousands over the years: each new prospector, young or old, using the tools you helped establish.

And again THANK YOU.

I'm proud to know and work with all of you. We've got lots of outings coming up as the season approaches. A perfect time to come out and try out any new gear you may have acquired.

I know I'll be there.

See you at the meeting on April 12th. If it's your first time, Welcome.

Randy Harper, President, rh82065@hotmail.com 503-849-5109



Upcoming Activities

2015

Education:

Digging Your Target-Metal Detecting, by Marvin Kruger

April 12, 1pm Regular Meeting, Grange Hall

April 12, 3pm Board Meeting, Grange Hall

Important Notice:

There is a church meeting in the Grange Hall Sunday mornings and we can not enter the Hall until 1pm.

Please do not come early and make noise in the parking lot. Thanks

SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR GOLD SHOW VOLUNTEERS!

All Members who volunteered at the Gold Show in March, WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT to receive a free Raffle Ticket. Your Raffle Coordinator and board of directors really appreciates everyone who volunteered. Thank you, thank you, thank you! The prizes are GOLDEN!

Come to the Meeting - Wear your T-shirt

Is this Gold?

New prospectors often have trouble early with the question of ‘is this gold?’. Here are some ways to find out if your “golden” piece is Real Gold: or Fools Gold (mica and pyrite).

- Blond sand is about 2 times the density of water. Gold is 19 times the density of water. This means under water, gold is much “heavier” than anything else in the pan. It will still be in the pan after the gravel, blond sand and black sand have washed out.
- If the “golden” piece is large enough, pick it with your fingernail or a pin to see if it’s soft and malleable or brittle and hard. Gold is the most malleable metal. It’s not gold if it breaks or is really hard.
- Gold retains a brilliance and shine in the shade. Fools gold does not.



New 3-Month Raffle
begins in April!
Come to April 12th’s meet-
ing and see what great
Prizes and GOLD I’ve put
into this BIG Raffle.....
No foolin, Steve

February had 2 Great Opportunities to Participate and Educate.

Our SWWGP Club did panning demonstrations at the Willamette Valley Sportsman's Show in Albany Oregon. This was a Saturday and Sunday event. Over the two days we showed 500 people how to pan and they got to keep their gold. The gold was provided by the Ministerial Assn. who sponsored the show. A lot of people came and we all had a great time! Here are the folks who participated: Steve Lewin and Ken Didier were in charge; then there was Norm and Betty Erickson, 4 people from the Brownsville Club, Linda Williams, Richard Pluff, Randy Harper, and Daniel Keesee.

That same weekend, Tom Fest and Marvin Kruger went up to the Bedrock Prospectors’ Winter Festival, in Puyallup WA. Lilli and Toni went too. They all got to try out different metal detectors from the dealers, and all the local metal detecting clubs participated. Then they had a chili feed. It was a fun day and a good idea for an event we might like to put on.

Thank you Everyone! Steve Lewin, Education Chairman

2015 Education Planned

Our 2015 Education Committee with Steve Lewin at the helm, has scheduled education at each club meeting through June. Our board of directors has gotten the message from you that we need more Education: for our members and for the general public. So we're starting out the new year right. Here's the schedule so far:

April	Dig Your Target-Metal Detecting	Marvin Kruger
May	How to Build a Bucket Fixture	Dale Long
June	Reading the River for Gold Discussion plus interactive display	Tom Fest
July	Processing Black Sand	Al Lewis
August	Treasure Hunt!	





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March Awards!



We Need Volunteers for Upcoming Educational Events

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| April 18 | Stevenson Sportsmans Show, Stevenson WA |
| April 24 | Panning Demonstration, Riverview School, Vancouver WA |
| May 2nd | Panning Demonstrations, Kids "Take it Outside" event, Coos Bay OR |

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And On Facebook: **Southwest Washington GoldProspectors**
All interested parties are invited to attend one of our monthly meetings.
There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods,
and equipment as well as some hands-on practice.
Go on outings to enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors and prospect for gold.
Become a member of one of the newest chapters of the
Gold Prospectors Association of America.
All memberships are individual. There is no fee or age requirement.

Join in the Fun!

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors

Meets 2nd Sunday every month at 1:00 pm
Minnehaha Grange Hall No. 164
4905 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver WA
For more information, call Steve Lewin at 971-212-5996



Ken Didier made these beautiful raffle ticket barrels. Joe Harper painted the ocean and mine scenes on the ends of the smaller one.

Thank you Ken and Joe!

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